

DAYTON UNITED METHODIST

Mission Statement: "We invite everyone to become disciples of Christ by loving and serving God and actively living out their faith."

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APRIL 2018



Sunday Morning

10:00 Worship
11:00 Coffee Social
11:15 Sunday School
(most classes)



Church Fellowship Lunch - April 29 Let's Celebrate Our Birthdays Together!

WHAT: Fifth Sunday carry-in meal that will have a Birthday theme

WHEN: April 29th at 11:00 a.m. following worship (no Sunday School)

HOW: Birthdays will be celebrated by having tables set up according to months and everyone is asked to sit at the table of your Birthday month. (Of course, parents may sit with small children at whichever month/table you choose!)

WHY: Hopefully this will be a time of sharing with church family. You will meet, sit with, and converse with people whom you may not know, but with whom you share a very important time in your life. No, no, now - don't say, "That doesn't sound like something I want to do" - no one in our church family bites! It really is fun and interesting. You may be surprised who's sitting at your table!

WHAT:—brings up a request. **Twelve cakes will be needed**, one for each month/table. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex a couple weeks before the event. Cakes can be any "flavor" or coordinated with a theme from that month. For example: a cake for February could have a Valentine or President theme; May's could honor Mother's Day or Memorial Day. It may be hard to decide on a theme for some months, so any kind of cake will do. They can be homemade or purchased. Oh, by the way, it's not a prerequisite that you eat the cake at the table of your birthday month—you may "table-hop"! Check out all the table decorations and celebrations, come to have fun and to share with others and eat cake! As a point of information, **anyone not supplying a cake is asked to bring a covered dish** or two to share. No other desserts will be needed. Any questions, please see Lena Osborne or Connie Gilmer. See you there and be ready to wish everyone a "Happy Birthday"

WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER



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Coming Soon – Wall of Giving

During worship in the month of April, details will be shared about an important initiative of our church. Come and learn how we can make the Wall of Giving a success. We can participate "Better Together" and have fun achieving a huge goal while giving back to God, the One who gave all to us.

Pastor Bruce and Debby will be on Vacation April 19 to 28.

Sunday Morning Volunteers



Nursery

1 Lori Bocock
8 Brenda Legg
15 Kim Nieder
22 Abby Simmons
29 Anna Simmons/Ellie Nieder

Pew Stewards

1 Mary Nieswander
8 Connie Gilmer
15 Stacie Jackson
22 Linda Covington
29 Margaret Thornton

Coffee Social

1 Easter
8 On the Move Class
15 volunteer needed
22 Dayton Doers'
29 5th Sunday Lunch

Greeters

1 Ann & Paige Will
8 Diane & Doug Helmick
15 Elaine & Larry Heatwole
22 Jan & Jon Alley and Family
29 Susie & Bob Dinsmore

Acolytes

1 Ethan Eberly
8 Elianna Appleton
15 Emma Jackson
22 Clay Guyer
29 Carter Alley

Flowers

All dates open. Check the poster in the narthex.

Usher: Ed Powell

Open/Close: Dave McCoy

Sermon Series

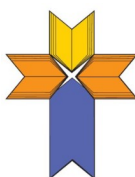
April 1 – Easter
Wesley's "3 Simple Questions"

April 8 - Communion
(Gain All You Can) "homo incurvatus in se"
Proverbs 6: 6-11; Luke 12: 13-21

April 15
(Save All You Can) "Somebody Help Me"
Ecclesiastes 5: 10; Philippians 4: 11-13

April 22 – Children's Choir/YFF Skit/Noisy Cans
Guest Speaker (Carpers on vacation)

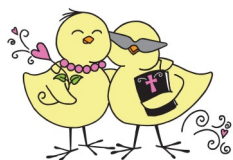
April 29
(Give All You Can) "The Life that Really Is Life"
Proverbs 16:8; I Timothy 6:9-10; 17-19



Sunday School

On the Move continues with "FOLLOW: what it means to be a Christ follower" series by Andy Stanley. They meet in the Conference Room of the Activities Building.

Following the completion of the *40 Days of Community*, **Suter's Class** will begin a series entitled "The Bible Project." This video and discussion study includes sessions on how to read the Bible and Scripture, theme and word study, and history of the Torah, the Wisdom books and the Gospels. The series will enhance anyone's study and understanding of the Bible with the presenters giving some basic concepts in a creative format. Please join us at **9:00 am** on Sunday mornings in Room #6 downstairs.



Women's Bible Study will meet Tuesday, April 10th at Noon in the home of Bonnie Berry [200 Ramsey Dr., Dayton]. We will have lunch with lesson to follow. continuing in the study, "The Grave Robber," exploring the 6th sign, John 9: 1-11.

Vacation Bible School is June 24-28 with the closing on July 1st. Our theme is "Hero Central". We are now lining up volunteers - kitchen help, teachers, aids, or any other talents that our church members have! If you would like to volunteer, please contact: Kim Guyer (kimrodneyguyer@yahoo.com) or Mary Ryder (mryder@rockingham.k12.va.us). We look forward to working with you!



JOY Group is visiting New Creation Ministries in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, April 10th. Leave the church at 9:45; bring \$ as we will go somewhere for lunch.

About New Creation:

New Creation is located at 3051 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, in a former porn shop. It is a local, faith-based non-profit dedicated to counteracting human trafficking through education, awareness, design, and the hope of Christ.

Their web site states, "The ministry of New Creation was founded to help bring an end to human trafficking through educating communities, by supporting the rescue and restoration of the victims of trafficking, ... [and] working creatively with a local heart and global approach."

Our trip will include visiting their shop of fair trade and survivor-made items from around the world, and 100% of profits counteract sex trafficking.

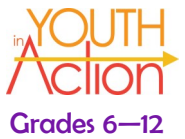
Visit their website for more information: <http://newcreationva.org>

Please contact Jack Osborne or Mel May so we can be sure to have adequate transportation.



UMMen meet Sunday, April 8 for a breakfast at **8:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall (note new time!). All men are invited.

UMWomen meet Saturday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Coffee Social Area. We are again collecting items for Conference Kits (see page 7). Bring items until late May.



Coming Up In:

APRIL: 7th (Saturday) 2:00 -3:00 PM Charlottesville Jump Live Trampoline Park
21st (Saturday) 6:00 PM - Service event; Open Doors Food Truck Festival Clean-up
MAY: 19th (Saturday) Dayton Yardwork day
JUNE: 3rd (Sunday) Youth Sunday/Senior Day & Baked Potato Bar
JULY: 8-14 - JR HIGH mission trip: Virginia Beach
29-Aug 4 - SR HIGH mission trip: Atlanta M25



Grades K-5

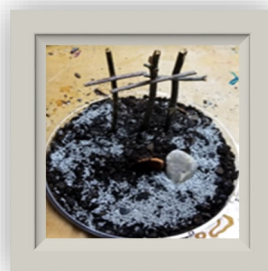
Faith Building and Fun with the YFF!

~ In early March, we enjoyed a round of mini golf and went shopping to purchase items for the Easter Basket Project.

~ We had an Easter Celebration Party which consisted of an Easter egg hunt, Easter Bible Scavenger Hunt and a Resurrection Garden Craft.

~ **On Friday, April 13th** from 6:00pm to 8:00 p.m., the YFFs will practice the skit they will perform on Sunday, April 22nd during worship and....

~ **On Sunday, April 22nd** – the YFF will share their skit and sing during worship followed by Sunday School. After, we will take the church bus and go out to lunch in Bridgewater!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Birthdays

2 Judy Austin
3 Mark Simmers
4 Allison Eberly
4 Lindsey Stover
5 Jennifer Appleton
5 Bill Groseclose
5 Jake Hamann
5 Rita Harold
7 Cael Wright
8 Sarah Groseclose
9 Abigail Simmons
11 Grayson Harold
12 Barry Minnick
13 Libby Lambert
14 Michael Harold
15 Jonathan Huffman
16 Kevin Mitchell
19 Karen Short
20 Aidan Parsley
21 David Culver
21 Caleb Hill
21 Emma Jackson
22 Brooke Mason
23 Parker Harold
24 Nelson Moyers
24 Brooke Simmers
27 Michelle Brinkley
27 Donnie Callison
27 James Nutter
28 Mia Simmers



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!

Anniversaries

7 Perry & Kathy Suter ('86)
10 Aaron & Denise Lough ('10)
10 Mitchell & Donna McCormick ('00)
16 Ken & Jeanne May ('83)
18 Bruce & Debby Carper ('08)



We express our sympathy
to the family and friends
of:

Roger Davis
(3/14/18)

Margaret Pappas
(3/28/18)



The family of Roger Davis would like to thank everyone for the prayers and phone calls and cards during Roger's illness.

After his death for the out pouring of love and the respect everyone showed for him. Thanks from the family for all the food, cards and visits from everyone who loved him so much.

After the memorial service for the meal - THANK YOU ladies. Thanks for making it a success. His sister and brother from Georgia were very impressed.

Carolyn & Family



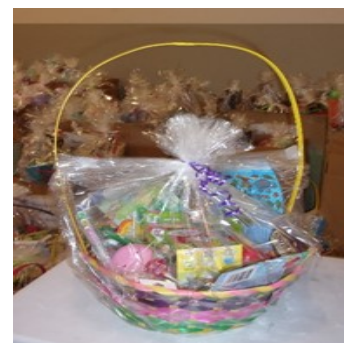
Dear Friends,

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support and help with our Easter Basket project again this year. We made a total of 868 baskets on Sunday, March 25th, and delivered them to local agencies who distributed them to underprivileged children in our area.

We have already received wonderful feedback from the agencies where we delivered the baskets. They were very excited to receive them and to give them to the families who may not be able to afford them otherwise. THANKS to you and so many generous people in our area, we (as a community) were able to touch the lives of children in need.

Happy Easter!

Debbey and Kim



Dates Around the District:

UMWomen "Evening Together" is Thursday, April 12th at Mt. Tabor at 7:00 pm. Tommy Crosby from Camp Overlook is the speaker. All are invited, even if you are not in UMW.

24 to Double – District training event at DUMC in Coffee Social area; Wednesday, April 18th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Open to all.

UMMen's Spring Rally Dinner – Tuesday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Retiring District Superintendent Tommy Herndon is the guest speaker. \$14; request tickets by April 17. Find flyers in the narthex.

Commission On A Way Forward - Sunday, April 22nd at Asbury UMC in Harrisonburg. This information session is a follow-up to the Bishop's Chat & Chew 2.0. Lunch begins at 12:30 (\$8 at the door but reservations required by 4/16). Session begins at 1:00 and all are welcome. For additional info and an alternate date, find flyers in the narthex.

Workshop on Leadership and Spiritual Gifts – all are welcome! Saturday, April 28th at Strasburg UMC; 8:30 to 3:00. Registration forms due by the 16th - find them on the Narthex table.

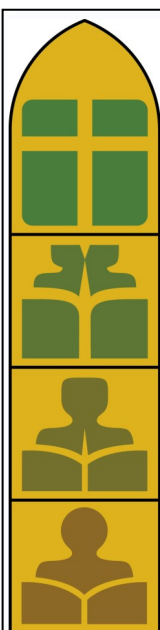
Wesleyan Covenant Association – Rev. Keith Boyette, WCA President, will speak at an important informational meeting at Verona UMC on April 28th, 10:30 to 12:30, on the re-structuring that is soon coming to the United Methodist Church.



Refugee Resettlement Ministry

Linking Communities is a Church World Service initiative that partners local families with newly arrived refugee families. Its goal is to form connections and strengthen the fabric of understanding, acceptance and integration across our community. *Linking Communities* allows individual families or small groups who might not have the resources to provide a full-refugee sponsorship, the opportunity to reach out to newly arrived refugees in friendship and support at whatever level they can. Local individuals/groups interested in partnering with a refugee family go through a 3 hour training. The training covers program expectations, background about refugee resettlement, refugees sharing their experiences, L.C. families talking about joys and challenges, and scenarios for discussion. People interested in learning more are welcome to come to the training and then decide if they would like to sign up for *Linking Communities Program*.

The next CWS Refugee Resettlement *Linking Communities* training will occur on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm at Park View Mennonite Church, 1600 College Avenue, Harrisonburg. Direct questions to Laura Douglass at linkingharrisonburg@cwsglobal.org.



Dear Friends,

I read an interesting article this week entitled, "Why Are So Many Churches Empty?" The writer answered the question with typical answers such as need for good parking, nursery quality, signage, and creative bulletin covers. Rev. Shan Stanford wrote the article and he said that he doesn't believe these things and the real answers lie in deeper places. He quotes a pastor as saying that, "Our church has substituted ritual for relationship." Stanford says to practice real faith - not just belonging to a church's membership rolls - requires deepening relationships set within the community of God. He says people don't attend churches because of nice slogans, artful worship, and outstanding facilities. They are looking for something more.

I have taught extensive Bible studies in every church I have served and I can remember starting with a fresh group of people who didn't know one another, but after extensive study together the group became very close. Disciple is a course many of you have taken and it is a full two year experience. Understanding God's Word and being able to put it into action brings people together. People who study God's Word together not only learn how to apply God's Word they learn, but how to live with one another. Stanford says it may oversimplify to say that in-depth Bible Study grows churches. But it is not too simple to say that in-depth Bible study potentially transforms a congregation at a deep, personal level. When we focus on things about which God cares, we learn to care about them, as well.

Learn & Grow

In-depth Bible Study does two things. One - it provides a means to know and love God beyond Sunday morning sermon or daily devotional. Bible Study teaches us about the purpose and plan of God. Some Bible Studies go beyond to teach us about creation, covenant, and community. Two - in-depth Bible Study provides examples of what it means to love like God. By the end of the Biblical Story, we discover what it means to form a life around our faith in God - particularly through the gift of God's son Jesus Christ. I share Rev. Stanford's view that scripture draws us not only to God but to each other. I challenge you to look at your church on Sunday mornings. Is it full or do you have a good portion of your church empty? If you'd like your church to grow, talk to your pastor about offering an "in-depth" Bible Study. Disciple is one of those studies. Covenant Bible Study is another. Cokesbury has a multitude of good studies. Call me if you are having trouble deciding. Let's "grow" our churches by studying God's Word. Remember - "Scripture draws us not only to God but to each other!"

Let's "study" together!

Tommy Herndon, Harrisonburg District Superintendent

Read Through the Bible 2018

Same Best Seller - Different Approach

Bishop Sharma Lewis invites us to join her in reading through the Bible - again - **this time in Chronological Order**. Copies of the daily reading outline are in the narthex or at www.vaumc.org. She suggests you invite others and choose your favorite translation. No Bible? No problem! Use this link to locate the passage of the day:

<http://backtothebible.org/reading-guide/12>

- 1 Judges 6-7
- 2 Judges 8-9
- 3 Judges 10-12
- 4 Judges 13-15
- 5 Judges 16-18
- 6 Judges 19-21
- 7 Ruth 1-4
- 8 1 Samuel 1-3
- 9 1 Samuel 4-8
- 10 1 Samuel 9-12
- 11 1 Samuel 13-14
- 12 1 Samuel 15-17
- 13 1 Samuel 18-20;
& Psalms 11; 59
- 14 1 Samuel 21-24
- 15 Psalms 7; 27; 31; 34; 52
- 16 Psalms 56; 120; 140-142
- 17 1 Samuel 25-27
- 18 Psalms 17; 35; 54; 63
- 19 1 Samuel 28-31;
& Psalm 18
- 20 Psalms 121; 123-125;
& 128-130
- 21 2 Samuel 1-4
- 22 Psalms 6; 8-10; 14; 16;
& 19; 21
- 23 1 Chronicles 1-2
- 24 Psalms 43-45; 49;
& 84-85; 87
- 25 1 Chronicles 3-5
- 26 Psalms 73; 77-78
- 27 1 Chronicles 6
- 28 Psalms 81; 88; 92-93
- 29 1 Chronicles 7-10
- 30 Psalms 102-104

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF DUMC - the 2018 Confirmation Class

On Palm Sunday, March 25th, we welcomed eight new members into the church family. After eight weeks studying with Pastor Bruce, these "confirmands" pledged their lives to God, the church, and service to others. Per Pastor Bruce, these young folks were "attentive, engaged and, in all, a great class; a wonderful reflection of their homes."

Our newest members are:



Carter Alley, son of Jan & Jon Alley, grandson of Linda & Doug Wine, and Jim Alley. Brother of Cayden, and nephew of Amy & Joe Simmons. **Carter**, 12, is a 6th grader at Pence Middle School and likes basketball, baseball, tennis, skiing, watching TV, and Fortnite. Carter enjoyed the confirmands time together, especially when Evan's mom brought donuts!



Ryan Gregory, son of Erika & David Gregory. Brother of Wesley. **Ryan**, 12, is a 6th grader at Pence Middle School and enjoys football, remote control cars, FFA, and Ruriteens.



Wesley Gregory, son of Erika & David Gregory. Brother of Ryan. **Wes**, 14, is an 8th grader at Pence Middle School. He likes basketball, fishing, remote control cars, and FFA.



Clay Guyer, son of Kim & Rodney Guyer, grandson of Debbie Roadcap. Brother of Mason. **Clay**, 12, is a 6th grader at Pence Middle School and likes playing baseball and basketball. He enjoyed learning about the Trinity during his time with Pastor Bruce.

Please welcome these young people into our church family and help them grow in their love and service to God and others.



Whitney Harold, daughter of Holly & Michael Harold, granddaughter of Nancy & Charles Harold. Sister of Grayson & Parker. **Whitney**, 12, is a 7th grader at Pence Middle School and enjoys cheerleading and track. She went on the Youth Mission Trip to Atlanta last summer.



Madelyn Herr, daughter of Libi & Sam Herr. Sister of Charlie. **Maddy**, 14, is an 8th grader at Pence Middle School. She enjoys playing basketball, and also went on the Youth Mission Trip to Atlanta last summer.



Evan Lilly, son of Stephanie & Ray Lilly. Brother of Stephen. **Evan**, 12, is a 6th grader at Pence Middle School. He likes making necklaces. His special memory from Confirmand Class was learning about "God in all three people...Jesus, God, and the Holy Spirit."



Brad Moseley, son of Beth & Mark Moseley. Brother of Kaitlyn. **Brad**, 11, is a 6th grader at Pence Middle School. He likes basketball, baseball, swimming, cross country, track, and Fortnite.



Special "thanks" to Vince Gilmer for making and graciously donating Cross necklaces to our new confirmands.



Kits for Conference

The UMWomen are collecting items to assemble UMCOR relief kits. They have again chosen the School Kit and the Hygiene Kit (formerly Health). Bring items from now until late May and place them in our box in the Coffee Social Area. Please remember these guidelines:

1. All items must be new. Do not launder towels or washcloths
2. Purchase *exactly* what is on the list
3. No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols, please. **



Hygiene Kit—all items must be NEW

Hygiene kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. These kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes. Value: \$12 per kit

●1 hand towel

- ◇15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches;
- ◇Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable.

●1 washcloth

●1 comb

- ◇Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long;
- ◇No pocket combs or picks please;
- ◇Rattail combs/combs w/out handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.

●1 metal nail file or nail clippers

- ◇No emery boards, please.

●1 bath-size soap

- ◇3 oz. and larger sizes only;
- ◇No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content;
- ◇Do not remove from original packaging.

●1 toothbrush

- ◇Adult size only; individually packaged!
- ◇Do not remove from original packaging.

●6 adhesive bandages

- ◇¾ inch to 1 inch-size;
- ◇Common household Band-Aids.

●1 plastic bag

- ◇One-gallon size sealable bag only.

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste



School Kit—all items must be NEW

In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. School kits may be these children's only educational resources. Value: \$11 per kit

●1 pair blunt scissors

- ◇Rounded tip only; No plastic scissors, please.

●3 pads of paper

- ◇Spiral- or top-bound pads;
- ◇150 sheets or less of loose-leaf paper can be substituted for 1 pad;
- ◇Combination of spiral, top-bound, side-bound, or loose-leaf paper is acceptable;
- ◇No composition books, please.

●1 hand-held pencil sharpener

- ◇Must be at least 1 inch long; Remove from packaging.

●1 30-centimeter ruler

- ◇Hard or flexible;
- ◇Cartoon characters are acceptable;
- ◇No advertisements please.

●6 unsharpened pencils **

- ◇Cartoon characters are acceptable.

●1 2-inch or larger-size eraser **

- ◇Cartoon characters are acceptable.

●1 24-count box of crayons

- ◇Only 24-count boxes, please.

●1 14x16 inch cloth bag **

- ◇Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable;
- ◇Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.;
- ◇Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used.

If you want to sew bags, look for instruction here:

<http://www.umcor.org/umcor/relief-supplies/relief-supply-kits/school-bag-instructions>



**June 15-17, 2018
Hampton Roads Convention Center
Hampton, VA**

Treasurer's Report: Jan/Feb 2018 Budget	
Contributions/Income	\$50,376.12
Expenditures	\$62,187.55
Year-to-Date Budget	\$59,777.16
Designated Contributions	\$3,537.00
Mortgage Report as of Feb.28, 2018	
Loan Amount (2/1/2010)	\$1,500,000.00
Principal payments	\$383,890.70
Loan Balance	\$1,116,109.30
Extra payments on principal	\$39,212.21

EDITOR'S CORNER



Our Music Director, Jess Rodriguez (aka 'Yvette' on stage) will perform her Masters in Voice recital on Saturday, April 28th at 8:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Forbes Center at JMU. Everyone is invited and the concert is free. The performance will include works by Richard Strauss, W. A. Mozart, Joaquín Turina, Richard Hundley and more! Jess will be accompanied by Clement Acevedo on piano. Her graduation will take place the following Thursday, May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Convocation Center where she will be awarded a Master of Music degree.

Our Pianist, Yanet Bermudez-Ortiz will perform her Doctor of Musical Arts recital on Saturday, April 21st at Noon in the Recital Hall of the Forbes Center at JMU. She will be playing works by Mozart and Schubert.

Thank you, Jess & Yanet! Our church family and our music program is so much richer having you two extremely talented, devout Christian ladies leading us in worship. I thank God for bringing you to us.

Direct questions and submissions for this publication to:
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I have a box in the Coffee Social Room, too!
Next Deadline: Sunday, April 29

~ **Staff Parish Committee** meets Monday April 16th at 7:00 pm in Cross Talk Room

~ **Finance Committee** meets Sunday April 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Cross Talk room.

~ **Leadership & Nominations Committee** met on Tuesday April 3.

NEXT VBS PLANNING MEETING - MAY 2

We invite everyone to come help us plan a FUN and engaging VBS. If you want to be in on the planning let us know if this date doesn't work and we will try to make it work for everyone. - Mary Ryder

Thank you to all who contributed in any way during our week hosting the guests of Open Doors, proving We ARE Better Together! Look for a detailed report in next month's issue.

-Graham Witt

We express our thanks to Nancy Dauer for creating another pair of banners!

Her talents with fabric, needle and design always enhance our worship space and experience. Look for them in the Coffee Social Room and the back of the Sanctuary -where the choir can enjoy!

PS: shout out to whoever hung the banners!

WHAT: Dayton Ruritan Bluegrass-Gospel Concert
WHEN: Saturday April 28th ; 5:30 to 9:00 pm.
WHERE: Turner Ashby High School
WHO: Artists scheduled to perform are:
Ron Good Family, West Wind Bluegrass,
Blue Mountain Sunrise, &
The Deanes
Concession by Mama's Caboose
Admission by freewill offering



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